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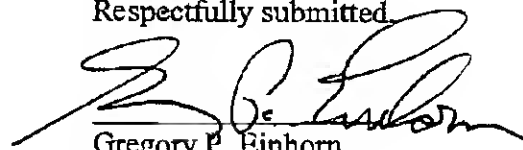
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Sir:

Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is a CPA preliminary amendment and response, and substitute page for specification (page 119), faxed this day of November 30, 2000, to Group 1631, the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the continued prosecution application (CPA) for the above-referenced application and responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed April 13, 2000, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A CPA was filed October 13, 2000.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Facsimile cover sheet
- Replacement page for specification page 119

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

***In The Specification:***

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 3, line 34, change "trillion" to -billion--;

At page 19, line 6, replace the period after "For example" with a comma; and

Please replace existing page 119 with the attached substitute page 119.

***In The Claims:***

*Please amend the claims as follows:*